



# Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes  
Superintendent of Schools

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, November 16, 2011 Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.

### Minutes

#### School Committee

David Reif - absent  
Gregory Berthiaume  
Michael Mackin  
Donna White – arrived at 7:05 p.m.  
Colleen Shapiro

#### Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

#### Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

#### Student Representative

Heidi Giancola

#### Guests

Derek Booth, David Phaneuf  
Timothy Santry, Elaine Blaisdell

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- \* Call to Order – In Dr. Reif's absence, Dr. Berthiaume called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
  - \* Chairman's Report – None.
  - \* Review and Approve Minutes
    - November 9, 2011 Regular Session Minutes – Tabled to the next meeting.
  - \* Review and Approve Warrants – Two line item transfers
  - \* Superintendent's Report
    - Superintendent's Award – Superintendent Calmes presented LHS senior Derek Booth with the Superintendent's Award.
    - Hydroponics Project – David Phaneuf, from Irving Backman Associates, gave an overview of the history of hydroponics. He also went into detail about the project currently being installed at the elementary school.
    - The annual Tree Lighting will take place prior to the next school committee meeting on December 7.
  - \* Student Report – Heidi Giancola reported:
    - Thanksgiving Baskets are being packaged next Saturday.
    - The power puff football game will take place next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., followed by another game of flag football.
    - MASC leadership conference is scheduled for next May.
    - The Student Council is looking to bring back Mr. LHS.
    - Report cards will be issued on Friday.
  - \* Public Comment – None.
  - \* New Business
    - Discussion
      - a. FY13 Proposed Budgets:

- Turkey Hill Middle School – Mr. Santry addressed the committee. He began by thanking the committee for the opportunity to come before them tonight. He reported out on the MCAS results from spring 2011. Mr. Santry then gave an update on the THMS School Improvement Plan. He addressed each of the three goals noting the specific things that have been done to meet each of the goals. Mr. Santry reviewed the THMS FY13 Proposed Budget and highlighted the lines that were substantially different from FY12. Superintendent Calmes thanked Mr. Santry and his staff for the work being done at THMS. Mr. Santry answered some questions from the committee.
- Special Education – Ms. Elaine Blaisdell addressed the committee. She reported that 277 students are being serviced by the Special Services department as of October 1; this represents 16.7 percent of the student population. There are currently 15 students in out-of-district placements and 48 in substantially separate programs within the schools. Ms. Blaisdell reviewed the Special Services Budget request for FY13 addressing each line and explaining increases or decreases. There was discussion around the number of out-of-district placements and the programs in place within the school district serving a larger number of students than in past years. Ms. Blaisdell reviewed Circuit Breaker reimbursement amounts for the past few years. There was discussion around Circuit Breaker dollar amounts.

#### Action

- a. Donations – Superintendent Calmes recommended acceptance of the following donations:

- Connor Lourens Memorial - \$1,500 donation for student trips and activities. These funds will help support scholarships for students attending Nature's Classroom and Washington, D.C.
- Pat Able - \$2,950 matching donation from Deluxe. These funds will be deposited into the gift fund at LHS.

Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to accept the donations with gratitude.

Vote: unanimous.

#### \* Old Business

##### Discussion

- a. Second Reading – Revised/new policies Concussion & Naming Facilities

- Concussion Policy – Superintendent Calmes gave an overview of the concussion policy in terms of the Lunenburg Public Schools. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to waive the second reading. Vote: unanimous.
- Naming Facilities Policy – Superintendent Calmes gave an overview of the naming facilities policy as worked up by the Policy sub-committee. Public comment is welcome. The policies can be found at the district website. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Mackin seconded a motion to waive the second reading. Vote: unanimous.

#### \* Public Comment – None.

#### \* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee - Reconfiguration
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils
- d. PTO
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Health Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee
- j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- l. Other

#### \* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

#### \* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions

- Facilities Use Procedure
  - Civic Engagement
- \* Executive Session - M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B [3] To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. – None.
- \* Adjournment – Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to adjourn regular session at 8:10 p.m. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mary Landi*

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**APPROVED**

**Lunenburg School Committee**

Date: 12/7/11

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**Initials**